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FOREWORD

During recent years statistics of Victoria have been published in typed statements and in the *Victorian Year-Book*. The typed statements, although issued promptly, are not of a permanent nature. The *Year-Book* cannot meet demands for up-to-date information, and unusual difficulties have delayed its issue.

This abstract is the first number of a series which it is hoped will meet a demand for something more permanent than the typed sheets, and in a form which may readily be adapted to changing needs. Comment upon or criticism of this new issue is invited.

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INTRODUCTION

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA.

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—			
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (2nd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
At 31st December—			
1942	971,026	994,939	1,965,965
1943	980,169	1,005,747	1,985,916
1944	987,977	1,014,891	2,002,868
1945	996,339	1,024,291	2,020,630
1946—			
31st March	998,762	1,026,911	2,025,673
30th June	1,000,923	1,029,964	2,030,887
30th September	1,003,596	1,032,421	2,036,017

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Mar- riages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Mar- riage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1939	17,368	30,493	20,169	1,085	9·23	16·20	10·72	35·58
1942	23,636	35,927	21,973	1,496	12·03	18·28	11·18	41·64
1943	18,356	39,117	21,327	1,399	9·27	19·75	10·77	35·76
1944	17,857	39,358	20,502	1,258	8·94	19·70	10·26	31·96
1945	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8·20	20·48	10·19	28·03
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			
1946—								
March Quarter	5,289	10,178	4,736	277	10·47	20·15	9·38	27·22
June Quarter ..	5,707	10,096	5,273	279	11·27	19·94	10·41	27·63
September Qr.	4,678	12,032	6,012	349	9·21	23·70	11·84	29·01

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December, 1945.	September Quarter—	
		1945.	1946.
Tuberculosis	730	219	178
Cancer	2,751	708	689
Diabetes	418	127	121
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c. ..	2,060	612	610
Diseases of the Heart	6,344	1,858	1,942
Arteriosclerosis	602	157	153
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia	1,124	345	420
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	107	26	34
Nephritis	1,300	369	370
Congenital Malformations	170	56	52
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	693	199	188
Senility	632	193	222
Accidental Deaths	671	190	210

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT (a) (EXCLUDING
RURAL WAGE EARNERS AND FEMALE DOMESTICS IN PRIVATE HOMES).

(Thousands.)

Month.	Government Employment. (b)		Private Employment.		Total Employment.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1933—June ..	73·2	13·9	215·4	104·3	288·6	118·2	406·8
1939—July ..	90·0	16·8	267·5	126·1	357·5	142·9	500·4
1941—July ..	106·8	25·8	296·6	159·4	403·4	185·2	588·6
1942—July ..	113·0	38·7	260·2	159·9	373·2	198·6	571·8
1943—July ..	108·9	42·6	245·3	161·1	354·2	203·7	557·9
1944—July ..	105·4	40·2	245·5	161·6	350·9	201·8	552·7
1945—July (c) ..	105·0	39·3	250·3	161·4	355·3	200·7	556·0
1946—July (c) ..	114·4	29·5	302·0	164·4	416·4	193·9	610·3
August (c) ..	115·1	28·8	306·4	165·6	421·5	194·4	615·9
September (c) ..	116·6	28·8	311·4	166·6	428·0	195·4	623·4
October (c) ..	117·2	28·7	312·2	167·6	429·4	196·3	625·7
November (c) ..	118·5	28·6	305·8	169·3	424·3	197·9	622·2
December (c) ..	122·4	28·4	302·8	168·8	425·2	197·2	622·4

(a) Employees in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.

(b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

(The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.)

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8·6
1939	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10·4
1940	147	232,288	77	131,105	7,573	5·8
1941	146	270,343	79	151,902	3,742	2·5
1942	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1·2
1943	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0·7
1944	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0·8
1945	139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0·9
1932—June Quarter (a)	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27·7
1945—March Quarter ..	..	..	77	189,588	1,446	0·8
June Quarter ..	..	..	77	188,934	1,549	0·8
September Quarter ..	..	..	76	185,126	1,437	0·8
December Quarter ..	..	..	76	180,799	1,759	1·0
1946—March Quarter ..	..	..	75	188,265	2,416	1·3
June Quarter ..	..	..	75	188,058	2,011	1·1
September Quarter ..	..	..	74	194,387	2,548	1·3

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1st September, 1939	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1st February, 1946	98 0	94 0	95 0	96 0	99 0	98 0
1st May, 1946 ..	98 0	94 0	95 0	96 0	99 0	98 0
1st August, 1946 ..	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
1st November, 1946	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
1st December, 1946	106 0	101 0	102 0	104 0	106 0	106 0
1st February, 1947 ..	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1940 ..	964	906	920	941	954	960
„ 1941 ..	1,008	950	963	984	998	1,004
„ 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
„ 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
„ 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
„ 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
1945—March Quarter	1,132	1,086	1,099	1,114	1,135	1,129
June Quarter	1,134	1,086	1,098	1,112	1,135	1,131
September Qr.	1,135	1,085	1,099	1,114	1,139	1,132
December Qr.	1,137	1,085	1,099	1,112	1,145	1,133
1946—March Quarter	1,141	1,089	1,101	1,117	1,146	1,137
June Quarter	1,150	1,094	1,105	1,126	1,154	1,146
September Qr.	1,149	1,095	1,107	1,121	1,152	1,145
December Qr.	1,157	1,096	1,114	1,132	1,159	1,153

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 85 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri-cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861 ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939 ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 ..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945 ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931-32 ..	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,344	1,782	1,254	1,410
1946-47—										
July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,345	1,766	1,257	1,407
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,333	1,745	1,245	1,393
September ..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,331	1,743	1,255	1,398
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,337	1,757	1,256	1,404
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,398	1,787	1,381	1,794	1,277	1,429
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,398	1,788	1,379	1,762	1,281	1,422

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowance (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920-21 ,, ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 ,, ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 ,, ..	(a)67,896	(a)19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940-41 ,, ..	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941-42 ,, ..	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43 ,, ..	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44 ,, ..	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45 ,, ..	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46 ,, ..	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1st July, 1946, to 6th January, 1947	72,143	14,250	3,664	9,219	26,735	138,048	239,490

(a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1st July, 1946 to 28th Decem- ber, 1946 (b)..	9,816	314	6,655	205	5,343	1,492	1,958	578

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945. (b) Subject to revision.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
At 31st December, 1946	38,294	13,160	46,013	97,467	2,426	1,113

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of pensions in respect of 1914-1918 war.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,979	1,681	1,494	1,412	1,442
Tons	8,537,085	3,281,980	3,000,917	2,998,775	3,485,783
Average tonnage	2,866	1,952	2,009	2,124	2,417
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,989	1,678	1,499	1,444	1,434
Tons	8,479,995	3,260,936	2,986,356	3,096,963	3,482,275
Average tonnage	2,837	1,943	1,992	2,145	2,428

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS.

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).			
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£
1939	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1940	41,908,342	675,333	42,583,675
1941	45,529,833	701,382	46,231,215
1942	59,054,017	727,001	59,781,018
1943	109,471,254	961,790	110,433,044
1944	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
Six months ended 31st December, 1946			
(a)	30,333,071	67,201	30,400,272
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).			
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£
1939	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1940	36,431,975	3,387,216	39,819,191
1941	36,742,855	8,604,708	45,347,563
1942	42,622,218	135	42,622,353(b)
1943	34,549,851	..	34,549,851(b)
1944	36,546,893	..	36,546,893(b)
1945	40,070,161	..	40,070,161(b)
1946	48,296,884	26,411,264	74,708,148
Six months ended 31st December, 1946			
(a)	41,494,050	9,454	41,503,504

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS. (SUBJECT TO REVISION.)

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£	£	£	£
Fish	8,474	20,510	95,894	65,546
Other Animal Foodstuffs	18,318	36,822	29,154	93,762
Total, Class I.	26,792	57,332	125,048	159,308

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN ; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£	£	£	£
Nuts, Edible	3,911	30,502	4,963	70,404
Spices	60,509	30,358	85,033	96,435
Coffee and Chicory	22,986	19,523	52,305	37,577
Tea	377,624	465,162	698,448	912,073
Cocoa and Chocolate	82,491	7,257	135,379	24,979
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	22,606	12,705	124,069	36,602
Total, Class II.	570,127	565,507	1,100,197	1,178,070
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	15,430	6,786	17,360	24,480
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	479,624	77,402	1,012,956	531,358
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	6,070	9,342	24,355	36,817
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	69,034	236,583	229,057	525,660
Wool .. .. .	..	30,915	..	60,030
Silk, Raw .. .. .	..	144,645	..	144,645
Other Animal Foodstuffs	15,182	53,398	20,788	80,755
Total, Class VI.	84,216	465,541	249,845	811,090
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	138,154	184,881	347,094	365,677
Fibres	267,166	442,986	468,665	654,033
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	19,440	43,866	36,244	109,252
Cork and Cork Manufactures	19,988	43,279	42,797	55,139
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	78,891	112,452	443,197	221,746
Other Vegetable Substances	39,122	74,513	71,081	130,378
Total, Class VII.	562,761	901,977	1,409,078	1,536,225
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	351,467	512,322	790,672	922,730
Manufactured Fibres	150,773	212,224	291,390	400,034
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	1,390,153	2,102,775	3,308,552	4,390,070
Other	173,397	403,732	578,559	763,288
Apparel	102,891	306,876	195,878	533,745
Total, Class VIII.	2,168,681	3,537,929	5,165,051	7,009,867
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	437,413	561,671	891,459	889,372
Kerosene	56,309	127,042	151,936	207,539
Residual	186,608	360,917	330,618	472,813
Lubricating (Mineral)	78,595	165,647	175,064	310,897
Other	17,800	120,181	50,368	134,521
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	46,528	93,075	110,485	251,311
Total, Class IX.	823,253	1,428,533	1,709,930	2,266,453

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	£ 47,351	£ 79,148	£ 120,849	£ 180,300
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	80,867	156,721	185,508	268,149
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	206,961	508,354	1,101,895	941,273
Other	26,841	49,246	67,372	82,305
Tools of Trade	208,354	69,782	361,805	134,854
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	564,798	662,569	1,978,129	1,045,944
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	773,630	40,424	1,839,967	84,870
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	14,839	1,177,495	135,954	2,294,380
Other Vehicles and Parts	42,822	98,891	78,385	189,976
Other Metals and Manufactures	334,049	450,652	544,546	824,128
Total, Class XII.(a)	2,172,294	3,057,413	6,108,053	5,597,730
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIP- MENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	46,442	64,957	81,439	130,744
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	228,644	13,535	379,665	39,839
Other Electrical Machinery, &c.	288,048	229,821	611,069	428,538
Total, Class XII.(b)	563,134	308,313	1,072,173	599,121
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	616,401	663,375	1,333,588	1,178,037
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances	55,512	119,131	120,713	202,531
Roller and Ball Bearings	122,430	39,209	213,370	86,006
Other Machines and Machinery	376,904	650,071	687,169	1,091,175
Total, Class XII.(c)	1,171,247	1,471,786	2,354,840	2,557,749
Total, Class XII.	3,906,675	4,837,512	9,535,066	8,754,600
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Mas- ticated, &c.	389,596	325,888	551,773	1,017,527
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tires, Pneumatic and Other	30,836	45,147	37,643	99,249
Elastics	13,558	41,478	21,801	67,343
Other	13,967	32,986	15,360	76,828
Leather and Leather Manufactures	7,350	10,265	9,605	19,959
Total, Class XIII.	455,307	455,764	636,122	1,280,906
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	131,719	151,392	235,908	228,811
Other Wood and Wicker	13,627	23,053	33,068	55,396
Total, Class XIV.	145,346	174,445	268,976	284,207

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—	£	£	£	£
Glass and Glassware	73,760	82,360	108,994	127,896
Crockery and Household Ware	45,307	112,902	101,022	177,628
Other Earthenware, &c.	19,483	14,226	32,305	37,204
Total, Class XV.	138,550	209,488	242,321	342,728
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD				
Pulp for Papermaking	80,553	103,183	145,801	399,899
Paper—				
Printing	247,376	364,887	342,057	679,100
Writing and Typewriting	53,722	52,197	116,889	263,412
Wrapping	17,412	100,233	54,168	182,475
Other	19,888	24,409	53,511	119,557
Millboards and Other Boards	13,267	58,243	35,369	74,353
Total, Class XVI.(a)	432,218	703,152	747,795	1,718,796
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	118,058	186,810	250,314	383,835
Other Stationery, &c.	55,593	118,674	97,245	200,578
Total, Class XVI.(b)	173,651	305,484	347,559	584,413
Total, Class XVI.	605,869	1,008,636	1,095,354	2,303,209
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	22,076	132,770	45,423	216,900
Jewellery	31,355	45,802	34,132	163,037
Timepieces	98,379	65,749	200,637	128,246
Total, Class XVII.	151,810	244,321	280,192	508,183
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	129,262	154,638	307,285	347,458
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	324,534	518,590	626,562	951,279
Fertilizers	304,296	216,271	428,509	395,036
Total, Class XIX.	628,830	734,861	1,055,071	1,346,315
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	2,159,477	102,842	2,921,314	227,482
Bags, Baskets, &c.	621	25,816	3,039	40,359
Brushware	1,972	27,261	3,215	41,322
Outside Packages	199,088	295,515	380,700	553,579
All Other Articles	95,444	164,387	198,968	300,606
Total, Class XX.	2,456,602	615,821	3,507,236	1,163,348
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	24,396	38,357	60,269	67,201
Grand Total	13,507,819	15,760,061	28,108,069	30,400,272

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	9,222	197,100	13,821	295,967
Lamb	158,370	1,287,669	215,214	1,656,555
Mutton	86,893	141,459	152,277	329,271
Pork	153,958	13,990	231,933	131,342
Rabbits and Hares	18,166	83,033	61,153	185,643
Other.. .. .	44,845	89,456	74,310	151,506
Preserved in Tins	476,801	496,310	676,914	1,194,313
Sausage Casings	30,920	74,232	78,352	152,855
Other	107,461	73,183	172,718	88,832
Butter	1,353,735	1,910,980	1,597,320	3,039,724
Cheese	126,623	277,107	340,661	633,989
Eggs	234,547	370,856	242,887	492,943
Milk and Cream	623,390	990,741	785,530	1,586,865
Other Animal Foodstuffs	166,989	137,104	484,841	237,438
Total, Class I.	3,591,920	6,143,220	5,127,931	10,177,243
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	22	20	52	40
Millet	2,538	16,043	2,538	48,338
Other .. .. .	..	381	..	1,836
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch	987	53,939	2,281	108,041
Rice	19,741	74,433	21,334	113,202
Flour (Wheaten)	9,350	860,653	10,429	2,277,808
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	20	202,699	20	346,821
Other	8,323	112,857	43,143	200,424
Macaroni and Vermicelli	109	20,199	143	45,309
Biscuits	181,598	30,907	241,625	45,896
Other	1,585	1,936	3,813	4,180
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh	118,185	33,940	126,408	71,169
Potatoes, Dried	59,867	..	61,032	..
Peas	58,223	43,439	94,516	89,652
Preserved in liquid and pulped	460,233	35,489	560,105	63,180
Other	9,876	5,189	17,508	17,825
Fruits—				
Fresh	46,643	98,488	84,767	218,110
Dried	141,434	137,456	342,556	952,741
Preserved in liquid	118,913	190,354	154,136	503,560
Pulped .. .. .	..	4,209	..	21,095
Jams and Jellies	153,110	221,910	383,134	398,637
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	78,354	399,114	220,014	683,402
Total, Class II.	1,469,111	2,543,655	2,369,554	6,211,266
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS				
	115,313	160,057	189,481	311,475
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF				
	15,029	2,018	24,966	2,738

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	4,164	23,158	6,137	52,089
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	497,924	465,316	1,701,979	1,564,585
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	45,601	17,793	52,411	20,348
Sheep	360,881	1,568,709	850,121	2,318,557
Other	49,620	43,343	59,321	88,835
Wool—				
Greasy	1,648,553	3,035,788	2,570,810	7,300,214
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	703,252	1,947,425	1,978,133	4,127,192
Other Animal Substances	2,273	4,292	3,633	6,904
Total, Class VI.	3,308,104	7,082,666	7,216,408	15,426,635
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Fibres	143,291	112,867	238,985	208,923
Other Vegetable Substances	13,467	17,908	48,741	80,429
Total, Class VII.	156,758	130,775	287,726	289,352
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	115,688	267,508	179,706	488,291
Textiles	148,312	763,337	231,406	1,684,370
Apparel	460,662	425,923	532,253	962,446
Total, Class VIII.	724,662	1,456,768	943,365	3,135,107
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, unrefined	7,158	17,888	61,994	30,555
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	23,956	60,970	55,244	129,374
Total, Class IX.	31,114	78,850	117,238	159,929
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	967	14,265	3,627	19,268
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	3,126	87,367	11,588	230,733
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANU- FACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	258,421	861,738	774,831	1,862,887
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	16,872	74,160	24,207	119,037
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	108,194	252,216	248,935	578,744
Total, Class XII.	383,487	1,188,114	1,047,973	2,560,668

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1945.	1946.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—	£	£	£	£
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	29,345	125,692	130,072	251,283
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	119,173	381,390	212,605	684,026
Total, Class XIII. ..	148,518	507,082	342,677	935,309
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	50,440	9,023	57,561	20,483
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	6,977	17,505	17,994	38,376
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board	2,816	21,275	4,926	72,827
Paper Manufactures and Stationery	27,028	53,995	49,095	125,798
Total, Class XVI. ..	29,844	75,270	54,021	198,625
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES	11,751	55,389	34,296	92,319
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	24,188	33,082	33,830	83,517
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap	31,636	58,531	86,892	102,252
Fertilizers .. .. .	..	523	42	609
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	144,643	562,226	238,387	937,614
Total, Class XIX. ..	176,279	621,280	325,321	1,040,475
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	56,668	28,794	74,669	50,905
Personal and Household Effects ..	17,184	56,417	26,901	136,501
All Other Articles	191,322	119,289	228,817	321,037
Total, Class XX. ..	265,174	204,500	330,387	508,443
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	3,330,209	6,661	3,330,209	9,454
OTHER ^{Australian} Produce	195,668	125,953	239,304	329,177
OTHER ^{Australian} Produce	13,651,467	20,314,752	21,632,986	41,174,327
Grand Total	13,847,135	20,440,705	21,872,290	41,503,504

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1946.(a)
	1939.	1941.	1946.	
	British Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,540,751	22,648,019	21,915,973	11,932,678
Africa, British East	36,197	90,539	325,498	130,520
Canada	2,665,240	3,238,898	2,713,155	2,093,755
Ceylon	213,320	158,294	2,265,887	1,294,905
Hong Kong	7,251	13,534	1,841	6,118
India	793,488	2,389,404	3,312,927	2,116,009
Malaya (British)	485,251	1,015,901	2,582	596,581
New Zealand	991,983	953,312	1,118,320	792,161
Pacific Islands (British)	671,247	512,846	3,925	2,790
South African Union	84,676	99,744	308,893	245,373
Other British Possessions	184,702	757,052	730,326	632,826
Bahrein Island	266,517	200,485	328,675	570,351
Belgium	353,216	21,033	45,289	126,235
China	140,900	199,109	8,782	144,194
Egypt	70,436	64,891	334,964	217,192
France	394,105	37,547	9,001	136,532
Germany	1,537,847	62,305	9,857	41,225
Iran	382,568	230,782	1,965,770	944,179
Italy	257,160	36,528	2,839	199,895
Japan	1,716,486	1,772,745	588	144,694
Netherlands	209,945	82,278	1,518	22,211
Netherlands East Indies	2,044,057	2,212,788	29,583	31,249
Norway	143,595	18,925	11,092	70,953
Phillippine Islands	41,002	45,876	262	17
Sweden	459,959	56,029	283,984	403,555
Switzerland	406,975	192,749	316,495	188,219
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	74,261	9,847	3,506	5,938
United States of America	4,792,784	7,924,046	15,972,840	6,167,256
Other Foreign Countries	744,340	337,898	1,077,677	500,013
Country not stated .. .. .	..	..	125,532	89,069
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	34,710,259	45,383,404	53,227,581	29,846,693

Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—			
United Kingdom	15,266,925	16,805,803	38,188,899	12,219,847
Africa, British East	2,625	93,340	44,640	36,963
Canada	492,839	999,978	1,526,530	798,997
Ceylon	144,742	315,199	2,413,350	1,201,520
Hong Kong	164,238	375,951	1,081,189	1,543,164
India	342,958	1,104,780	7,281,239	2,303,983
Malaya (British)	618,214	1,164,856	1,913,222	4,338,865
New Zealand	1,906,752	1,958,097	2,173,162	1,924,559
Pacific Islands (British)	255,695	298,361	497,945	120,634
South African Union	500,433	356,700	617,960	887,841
Other British Possessions	307,906	525,178	1,189,833	1,854,939
Bahrein Island	948	2,265	2,796	12,515
Belgium	654,276	..	1,114,734	1,254,457
China	576,750	1,194,347	160,745	755,806
Egypt	73,572	1,226,720	839,852	288,129
France	2,167,616	12,311	2,343,849	1,899,605
Germany	450,788	..	..	..
Iran	26	..	43,703	140,701
Italy	272,391	..	124,173	642,865
Japan	1,690,971	701,200	24,477	29,586
Netherlands	149,453	315	114,922	81,562
Netherlands East Indies	613,570	1,297,133	314,531	18,396
Norway	17,963	..	15,215	47,561
Phillippine Islands	96,968	98,192	905	3,419
Sweden	171,354	..	292,379	466,690
Switzerland	4,002	..	43,721	66,322
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .. .. .	..	16	351,657	190,738
United States of America	3,378,036	14,460,565	9,535,975	6,789,109
Other Foreign Countries	497,001	638,364	1,278,117	1,584,731
Country not stated .. .. .	..	1,627,770	1,178,428	..
Total	30,819,012	45,257,441	74,708,148	41,503,504

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS.

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.				Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1946.(a)
				1944.	1945.	1946.	
Wool—							
Greasy .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	102,687,848 8,175,116	134,674,426 10,504,923	122,598,522 9,731,558	80,838,756 7,300,212
Scoured and Washed ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	14,611,839 1,783,890	18,376,296 2,149,169	17,577,493 2,421,215	21,780,282 3,111,418
Tops, Noils, and Waste	..	..	.. { lb. £	9,136,602 1,860,512	9,878,048 1,959,552	8,557,169 2,110,684	5,311,326 1,015,774
Butter .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	49,490,628 3,299,164	50,340,413 4,381,131	57,714,740 3,895,770	46,976,726 3,039,724
Wheat .. ..	..	..	.. { centals £	2,370,710 952,342	22,943 10,349	144 122	40 40
Flour (wheaten) ..	..	..	.. { centals £	3,494,116 1,994,574	2,973,159 1,689,926	2,556,857 2,897,017	1,737,599 2,277,808
Fruits—							
Dried .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	107,942,369 1,950,668	106,270,439 2,025,967	63,089,291 1,393,976	40,500,928 952,741
Fresh .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	6,390,600 157,497	7,270,800 143,913	17,666,700 297,547	8,583,000 218,110
Preserved in Liquid ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	3,758,560 128,885	9,921,572 183,678	23,545,821 518,786	23,971,924 503,560
Meats—							
Beef (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	1,294,546 35,018	8,457,401 237,049	1,212,459 37,622	12,523,653 295,967
Lamb (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	82,627,738 2,383,616	62,345,457 1,857,590	18,560,104 568,285	52,978,344 1,656,555
Mutton (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	11,173,911 181,741	19,470,482 387,708	8,884,125 190,576	20,463,981 329,271
Pork (frozen) ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	4,141,392 154,114	13,346,400 509,909	10,479,042 409,856	3,306,883 131,342
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	..	..	.. { pairs £	328,487 28,520	1,379,537 160,675	1,035,311 109,044	1,596,844 185,643
Preserved in Tins ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	13,050,951 642,728	22,291,310 1,132,070	28,092,602 1,461,462	19,035,752 1,194,313
Sausage Casings ..	..	..	.. { cwt. £	12,989 281,977	13,818 300,651	7,196 174,749	6,358 152,855
All Other Meats ..	..	..	£	283,506	663,403	228,977	240,338
Milk and Cream ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	23,861,695 832,479	30,253,715 1,051,847	43,042,034 1,569,404	39,437,213 1,586,865
Hides and Skins—							
Sheep .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	15,139,758 639,118	24,196,964 1,002,186	45,210,025 1,923,515	40,699,829 2,318,557
Calf, Cattle, Horse ..	..	..	.. { No. £	43,658 56,754	27,083 95,681	63,389 81,021	10,046 20,348
Rabbit and Hare ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	5,906,243 2,072,741	5,750,112 1,750,681	6,203,553 2,616,670	3,140,544 1,564,585
Other Skins .. ..	..	..	£	258,539	173,898	94,070	88,835
Tallow (unrefined) ..	..	..	.. { cwt. £	190,907 278,402	115,722 193,001	36,555 71,091	6,412 30,555
Eggs in shell .. ..	..	..	.. { dozen £	10,550 866	55,920 3,749	1,880,850 126,923	3,156,372 212,305
Eggs not in Shell ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	1,975,664 133,418	884,359 60,636	7,563,634 531,365	3,385,690 280,638
Cheese .. ..	..	..	.. { lb. £	14,882,977 986,770	16,573,648 1,086,603	11,919,546 642,376	13,211,414 633,989

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months 30th September, 1946.
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,748	(b)
Traffic Train Miles Run 1,000	17,890	16,413	16,337	16,344	4,275
Passengers Journeys .. '000	142,124	194,138	195,698	196,118	50,259
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	7,564	7,275	6,609	1,760
Live Stock Carried (a) tons '000	726	789	730	620	(b)

(a) Estimated.

(b) Not available.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Gross Revenue £'000	9,284	15,882	15,258	14,675
Working Expenses £'000	8,060	13,214	12,832	12,531
Net Earnings (a) £'000	1,224	2,668	2,426	2,144
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (b) .. %	2·33	5·06	4·59	4·55

(a) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(b) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Tramway Track Open—				
Double miles (a)	127·344	123·542	124·778	124·777
Single miles	5·915	6·643	6·615	6·591
Motor Omnibus Route miles	48·616	66·718	67·613	68·602
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways miles	22,980,520	23,000,054	22,730,635	22,673,730
Motor Omnibuses miles	2,164,930	8,524,186	8,146,473	7,865,400
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways No.	182,094,402	278,451,170	284,139,431	281,198,208
Motor Omnibuses No.	11,911,439	71,631,912	70,663,685	70,196,236
Revenue—				
Traffic Receipts £	2,304,946	3,941,680	3,990,553	4,004,377
Other £	15,280	14,442	15,482	16,563
Total Revenue	2,320,226	3,956,122	4,006,035	4,020,940
Operating Expenses (b)	1,516,717	2,491,649	2,530,165	2,602,944
Surplus on Operation	803,509	1,464,473	1,475,870	1,417,996

(a) Including 7·894 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	

REGISTRATION OF NEW VEHICLES.

1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1943-44 „	545	2,721	509	3,775	60
1944-45 „	533	1,813	437	2,783	84
1945-46 „	1,205	2,039	811	3,555	377
Six months ended 31st December, 1946	2,955	1,421	569	4,945	820

RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.

1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1943-44 „	13,920	2,481	2,909	19,310	4,224
1944-45 „	10,812	2,980	2,550	16,342	4,550
1945-46 „	12,417	6,586	2,924	21,927	6,235
Six months ended 31st December, 1946	5,271	3,562	1,464	10,297	3,221

RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.

1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1943-44 „	119,528	32,475	49,277	201,280	13,643
1944-45 „	127,119	35,139	52,014	214,272	15,164
1945-46 „	120,735	38,309	52,747	211,791	16,616
Six months ended 31st December, 1946	73,644	22,522	26,396	122,562	9,858

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	279	467	1,102
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	170	282	431
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	449	749	1,533
Permanent “Discretionary” Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	954	596	1,049
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	644	442	822
Total, “Discretionary” Licences	2,870	1,598	1,038	1,871
Licences Issued “As of Right”—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	6,111	6,465	7,937
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	724	791	903
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	5,570	6,385	7,392
Primary Producers	699	1,895	2,615	3,285
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	360	368	418
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	18,482	19,578	24,298
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	1,071	1,261	2,584
Commercial Passenger Hire Vehicles .. ..	..	462	538	800
Total, “As of Right”	31,365	34,675	38,001	47,617
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	199	187	207
Grand Total	35,970	36,921	39,975	51,228

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Year Ended 30th June—			Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>							
1939	..	..	1,537	53	1,650	4,087	5,624
1945	..	..	831	37	893	1,192	2,023
1946	..	..	1,064	42	1,156	1,557	2,621
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>							
1939	..	..	3,856	209	4,244	5,832	9,688
1945	..	..	1,952	93	2,149	1,784	3,736
1946	..	..	2,778	120	3,209	2,725	5,503
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>							
1939	..	..	1,705	218	2,180	2,462	4,167
1945	..	..	1,044	130	1,326	1,047	2,091
1946	..	..	1,443	174	1,837	1,604	3,047
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>							
1939	..	..	7,098	480	8,074	12,381	19,479
1945	..	..	3,827	260	4,368	4,023	7,850
1946	..	..	5,285	336	6,202	5,886	11,171

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	5,331	4,100	4,295	4,669
Railways	9,349	17,070	16,109	15,590	14,822
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,300	2,742	2,687	2,728	2,551
Land	387	723	972	938	882
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,591	1,528	1,474	1,511
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement ..	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b)	..	5,159	6,318	6,423	6,431
Entertainments Tax Reimburse- ment (b) .. ..	..	280	373	373	373
All other Revenue	857	1,467	1,330	1,325	1,825
Total Revenue ..	26,986	36,490	35,544	35,273	35,191
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population	14 7 10	18 10 3	17 17 5	17 11 9	17 8 4

(a) For details see page 24.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Public Debt Charges—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,478	6,354	6,285	6,214
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	697	703	687	645
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,118	1,192	1,327	1,407
Other	62	82	151	133	137
Railways	7,694	13,608	12,790	12,427	12,073
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	1,362	1,454	1,579	1,802
Education	3,123	3,358	3,654	3,976	4,362
Public Health	143	107	116	175	199
Hospitals	1,054	1,536	1,676	1,813	2,042
Other Charities (a)	2,302	1,517	908	760	584
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	1,940	1,814	1,789	1,769
All other Expenditure	2,962	3,933	4,112	3,973	3,951
Total Expenditure	27,773	35,736	34,924	34,924	35,185
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 16 4	£ s. d. 18 2 7	£ s. d. 17 11 2	£ s. d. 17 8 3	£ s. d. 17 8 3

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
State Taxation Collections—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	1,731	199	94	86
Land Tax	482	355	360	358	321
Probate Duty	1,374	1,518	1,778	1,854	1,825
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	809	824	887	1,071
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,493	1,582	1,655	1,847
Entertainments	677	487	488	646	878
Liquor	255	362	382	382	389
All other Taxes	110	106	102	107	110
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	5,331	4,100	4,295	4,669
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	1,530	1,615	1,688	1,858
Total	12,023	6,861	5,715	5,983	6,527
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. .. .	..	5,159	6,318	6,423	6,431
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	280	373	373	373
Total .. .. .	..	5,439	6,691	6,796	6,804
Grand Total	12,023	12,300	12,406	12,779	13,331
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 3	3 9 7	2 17 6	2 19 8	3 4 7
Commonwealth Reimbursements ..	..	2 15 2	3 7 3	3 7 9	3 7 4
Total	6 8 3	6 4 9	6 4 9	6 7 5	6 11 11

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1946.
	1944.	1945.	1946.	
Public Works—				
Railways—	£	£	£	£
As reduced	486,388	496,294	389,434	51,013,952
Transferred .. .. .	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	165	9,443	11,119	12,666,519
Water Supply and Sewerage	143,178	315,729	435,575	32,766,958
Electricity Supply .. .. .	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	77,072	164,784	177,107	6,443,502
Hospitals	46,009	605,747	118,020	1,514,403
Other	36,396	49,076	66,890	1,570,237
Housing .. .. .	..	750,000	25,285	1,965,285
Unemployment Relief	3,938	3,891	433	13,147,158
Other Public Works	3,770	..	14,767	3,772,438
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a) .. .. .	..	..	69,378	41,640,312
Advances to Settlers	3,646	(b) 717,217	(b) 223,158	3,581,947
Wire Netting Advances	60	79	5,878	885,729
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. .. .	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry	282,411	480,600	657,029	3,099,120
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	1,556	437	499	591,889
Other Primary Production .. .. .	..	45	9,562	1,106,869
Other Purposes .. .. .	..	90,000	..	450,950
Total Public Works, &c.	1,084,589	3,683,342	2,204,134	224,191,153
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	..	4,255,000	..	9,118,682
Grand Total	1,084,589	7,938,342	2,204,134	233,309,835

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £625,000 in 1944-45, and £129,000 in 1945-46.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 16 3
1946	56,158	4,499	119,070	179,727	88 9 11

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	
1945-46—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
December Quarter	83,215	121,397	204,612	68,397
March Quarter	80,709	132,062	212,771	73,606
June Quarter	78,887	134,872	213,759	80,607
1946-47—				
September Quarter	77,315	131,631	208,946	79,612
December Quarter	73,165	137,841	211,006	83,425

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia and twelve other banks.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Year Ended 31st December—								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000.
1929	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1943	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,414,210
1944	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,448,005
1945	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,484,398
1946	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,825,986

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.		
				State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.			
				£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£ s. d.		
At 30th June—									
1929	..	..	..	66,130	6,577	72,707	41	2	2
1931	..	..	..	57,138	6,104	63,242	35	2	10
1939	..	..	..	69,219	11,242	80,461	42	15	4
1943	..	..	..	97,517	23,732	121,249	61	3	7
1944	..	..	..	122,682	31,205	153,887	77	9	7
1945	..	..	..	143,216	38,933	182,149	90	10	5
1946	..	..	..	163,723	47,603	211,326	104	2	2
At 30th September, 1946 ..				164,880	47,907	212,787	104	15	5

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA—DEALINGS UNDER TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS.

Year Ended 31st December—			Number of Transfers.	All Mortgages Registered during year.		Other Dealings.	Total Dealings.
				Number.	Consideration (a).		
					£'000.		
1929	..	..	45,959	27,916	21,082	33,394	107,269
1939	..	..	41,141	19,144	12,244	30,806	91,091
1944	..	..	35,183	8,397	4,097	28,647	72,227
1945	..	..	43,016	10,237	4,771	28,494	81,747
1946	..	..	72,434	18,055	7,030	34,617	125,106

(a) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

Note.—Dealings under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

VICTORIA—DEALINGS UNDER THE PROPERTY LAW ACT.

Year Ended 31st December—				All Mortgages Registered during year.		Reconveyances.		Conveyances.	
				Number.	Consideration (a).	Number.	Consideration (b).	Number.	Consideration
					£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1929	..	..	..	899	968	695	385	(c)	(c)
1939	..	..	..	853	773	675	193	2,138	1,149
1944	..	..	..	417	249	753	246	1,692	1,167
1945	..	..	..	490	389	718	223	1,998	1,641
1946	..	..	..	801	456	788	204	3,053	2,524

(a) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Excluding repayments designated "Principal and Interest".

(c) Not available.

Note.—Dealings under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1929.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Number registered during year—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	50	170	784
Foreign	62	37	12	28	68
Mining	22	28	..	2	10
Total	1,010	602	62	200	862
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during year—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	1,752	3,570	13,782
Foreign	(a)	8,975	824	15,523	19,764
Mining	1	..	..	20	88
Number of Existing Companies—					
Victorian	7,259	10,229	8,769	8,704	9,369
Foreign	899	643	727	751	804
Increase during the year in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	1,514	1,582	11,560
Mining	244	1,097	30	30	90

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gippsland.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1941 ..	12·23	20·14	17·31	25·39	30·41	29·73	31·53	33·13	24·29
1942 ..	14·31	22·04	19·66	31·91	38·28	30·54	29·68	31·59	26·28
1943 ..	8·25	13·48	10·98	20·22	26·76	25·86	22·46	30·05	19·44
1944 ..	6·59	10·46	9·24	17·10	20·72	24·30	23·97	27·54	17·09
1945 ..	9·63	15·20	14·84	21·71	29·97	25·21	22·25	28·60	20·50
Means (a) ..	12·63	17·77	18·10	27·16	34·59	27·77	29·56	33·53	24·37

(a) For over 70 years to end of 1945.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				

Area of Crops.

		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1942-43	..	2,145,156	428,043	77,842	788,792	51,757	34,028	56,084
1943-44	..	1,793,428	426,305	83,259	740,672	70,430	34,077	57,023
1944-45	..	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238	34,220	55,246
1945-46	..	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512

Total Production.

		Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d).	
1942-43	..	41,803,107	6,637,944	1,273,704	1,051,107	195,138	55,059	..
1943-44	..	19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	963,103	217,380	58,838	..
1944-45	..	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216	39,934	..
1945-46	..	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430	..

Average Yield per Acre.

		Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d).	
1942-43	..	19·49	15·51	16·36	1·33	3·77	1·62	..
1943-44	..	11·00	8·69	12·95	1·30	3·09	1·73	..
1944-45	..	1·63	1·85	2·79	0·78	3·67	1·17	..
1945-46	..	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66	1·47	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1945-46 amounted to 1,546, 6315, and 1,375 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1945-46 was 12,967 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 114,165 acres and oatsen 667,451 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March.		Horses (including Foals).	Cattle—		Sheep.	Pigs.
			Dairy Cows (b).	Other.		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1942 (a)	..	302,401	954,493	1,032,051	20,598,201	285,227
1943	..	292,534	937,164	1,085,728	19,614,040	307,929
1944	..	277,662	938,484	1,074,549	19,220,457	337,878
1945	..	253,782	925,307	977,803	16,457,101	296,232
1946	..	232,473	882,646	945,141	14,655,277	271,887

(a) At 1st March.

(b) Includes Cows (in milk and dry) and Springing Heifers.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.		Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
		lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1940-41	..	155,093,839	32,737,525	187,831,364	11,120,160	14·21
1941-42	..	170,876,572	42,042,469	212,919,041	12,593,512	14·20
1942-43	..	174,045,163	34,159,329	208,204,492	14,223,964	16·40
1943-44	..	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073	16·24
1944-45	..	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16·06

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Factories	9,250	8,738	9,317	9,669
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	175,340	175,049	174,424
Females	65,613	87,017	86,250	83,209
Total	201,831	262,357	261,299	257,633
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Males	29,006	58,089	58,611	59,533
Females	7,021	14,946	15,250	14,694
Total	36,027	73,035	73,961	74,227
Value of—				
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	5,956	6,177	6,299
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	5,565	5,951	5,985
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	144,778	149,189	152,761
Production (net)	65,996	121,380	123,331	122,377
Output	152,968	277,679	284,648	287,422
Land and buildings	42,026	52,642	55,063	57,809
Machinery and plant	38,570	51,963	55,458	58,571

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	1,274	1,221	1,271
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	1,302	1,235	1,368
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease	4,462	12,651	9,992	8,708
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances	16,460	45,236	47,602	44,084
Precious metals, jewellery and plate	547	491	483	505
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	11,436	11,704	11,586
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	2,139	2,117	2,154
Clothing	7,865	10,564	11,080	12,594
Food, drink and tobacco	12,610	18,031	19,051	19,918
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	3,595	4,070	4,202
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	1,229	1,139	1,143
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	5,964	6,292	6,795
Rubber	1,573	2,015	1,888	2,007
Musical instruments	24	17	17	21
Miscellaneous products	722	2,035	2,203	2,540
Heat, light and power	2,328	3,401	3,237	3,481
Total	65,996	121,380	123,331	122,377

Note.—“ Added Value ” is the source from which provision is made for the following :—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY SENT OUT.

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Sent Out from Generat- ing Stations.
	New Cut.	Old Cut.		
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	kWh. millions.
1938-39 Year	3,643,490	(a)	399,924	842·0
1943-44 „	4,829,481	86,725	416,715	1,402·9
1944-45 „	5,249,308	47,063	431,344	1,426·7
1945-46 „	5,448,626	49,237	493,144	1,514·3
1946-47—				
September quarter	1,494,647	32,980	137,403	432·5
December quarter	1,319,859	32,548	113,695	392·2

(a) No operations in Old Cut during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Year Ended 31st December—	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1929	4,376	4,188	3,707	1,992	3,288	1,033	11,371	7,213
1939	4,902	5,188	482	1,654	5,978	1,635	11,362	8,477
1940	5,422	6,625	404	2,144	5,425	1,446	11,251	10,215
1941	5,855	6,572	246	901	5,259	1,392	11,360	8,865
1942	200	186	55	241	2,007	619	2,262	1,046
1943	32	12	38	507	3,265	531	3,335	1,050
1944	168	119	28	126	6,082	871	6,278	1,116
1945	1,676	1,809	89	424	6,330	1,026	8,095	3,259
1946	6,175	8,565	223	1,272	7,553	1,480	13,951	11,317

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Year Ended 31st December—	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1939	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1940	481	346	32	197	532	133	1,045	676
1941	538	435	34	111	601	122	1,173	668
1942	63	45	13	30	333	31	409	106
1943	10	4	11	29	475	59	496	92
1944	45	25	21	24	686	105	752	154
1945	332	317	29	41	829	106	1,190	464
1946	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura, and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and the Borough of Shepparton.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1941-42 ..	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43 „ ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 „ ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 „ ..	747	345	1,092	485	95	580
1945-46 „ ..	1,677	677	2,354	934	224	1,158
1946-47—						
September quarter	574	215	789	253	87	340
December quarter	523	296	819	293	115	408
Total to 31st December, 1946	5,052	1,743	6,795	3,198	656	3,854

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.